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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SHIFT IN SOVIET DIPLOMATIC TACTICS IN
BELGIUM

SUMMARY: SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS PRESS FOREIGN MINISTRY
TO REVERSE DETERIORATING EAST-WEST RELATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

1. SENIOR BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED
US, ON PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THAT SOVIET
EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE RECENTLY, SIGNIFICANTLY STEPPED
UP THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTACT ALL LEVELS AT FOREIGN
MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, TWO SOVIETS HAVE
BEEN CONTACTING EVEN WORKING LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS,
"INCLUDING STAGIAIRES," WITH WHOM THEY HAVE NOT IN
THE PAST HAD BUSINESS TO CONDUCT.

2. THE TWO SOVIETS MOST ACTIVE IN THIS REGARD
(VLADIMIR USTINOV AND POULAT ABDOULLAIEV) HAVE USED
THE FLIMSIEST PRETEXTS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT. IN THE
CASE OF OUR SOURCE, IT WAS TO PRESENT A COPY OF THE
NEW SOVIET CONSTITUTION WITH BREZHNEV'S COMMENTS.
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3. BOTH SOVIETS HAVE CONSISTENTLY STRESSED THE LINE,
ONCE THEY GAINED ACCESS TO A BELGIAN MFA OFFICER, THAT
EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS
IN PARTICULAR HAVE DETERIORATED RECENTLY DUE TO THE USG'S
EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WITHOUT GETTING INTO SPECIFICS,
THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THROUGHOUT THE MFA THAT IT WAS NOW

TIME TO ARREST THAT TREND AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE
SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS.

4. IN A POSSIBLY PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT, EMBASSY OFFICERS
HAVE RECENTLY NOTED WHAT MAY BE A DIMINISHED INTEREST IN
THEM ON THE PART OF SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS, WHO
IN THE PAST HAVE ASSIDUOUSLY WORKED ON ESTABLISHING
CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS HERE. CHAMBERS

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